

Measure L Citizens' Oversight
Committee Report
2015-2016

May 17, 2017

Committee Report Requirement

Ridgecrest Municipal Code Chapter 3 Section 2.117

- (1) Review all appropriations of revenues received by the City from the sales and use taxes imposed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to determine whether such funds are to be used as provided for in this chapter and the voter-approved measure that adopted this chapter;
- (2) Reviewing the audit prepared by an independent auditor retained by the City to perform the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to determine whether such funds have been spent as provided for in this chapter and the voter approved measure; and
- (3) Prepare and issue the committee's own annual report setting forth their findings in regard to the foregoing

Measure L ballot to be voted on June 5, 2012. Measure L will “established a locally-controlled source of revenue for community’s services”.

Service priorities to be maintained by Measure L:

- Police officers & neighborhood police patrols
 - City streets & pothole repair
 - 9-1-1 emergency response times
- Anti-gang programs that keep youth off the streets
 - Crime prevention & investigation

Measure L information flyer

MLCOC Information

2 Financial information

- CAFR with independent auditor assessment
- Measure L Budget plan and actual
 - Measure L monthly funding receipts
 - Expenditure reports traceable to Measure L income total

Executive Summary

- 2 Reporting Period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016
 - Measure L generated \$2,691,289
 - Carryover from last reporting period \$1,100,921
 - Expenditures totaled \$3,129,726

- 2 Findings
 - Measure L funds were allocated entirely to Public Safety and Public Works
 - This source of revenue has mitigated the impact on other city operations revenue
 - Street repair for the main arteries of Ridgecrest were completed during this reporting period
 - TAB funding for street work has been exhausted

- 2 Recommendations
 - Unencumbered carryover of \$404,350 be used solely on street maintenance and repair
 - A budget set aside from Measure L to ensure matching funds for Federal and State funding, if it becomes available

Measure L Funding Summary

Measure L Funds

Prior Year Carryover	\$1,100,921
Sales Tax – Measure L	\$2,691,289
Expenditures:	
Police Department	\$1,781,495
Engineering	\$ 121,962
Streets Maint/Const	<u>\$1,226,269</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3,129,726
Carryover to FY2017	\$ 662,484
Unencumbered Carryover	\$ 404,350

Street Maintenance 2015-2016

- Funds paid for labor to cap, prepare and rehabilitate streets.
- Projects: Cold Mix Cap
 - Drummond Avenue: Downs Street to Inyo Street
 - Upjohn Avenue
 - Sunland to Forest Knoll (north side)
 - Silverridge to Holly Canyon (south side)
- Prepared Street Surfaces
 - Richmond Road: Fairgrounds to E Ridgecrest Boulevard
 - Bowman Avenue: Downs Street to South China Lake Boulevard
 - Radar Avenue: Nevada Street to Downs Street

Street Maintenance 2015-2016 cont'd

- 2 Chip Sealed and Slurry Sealed
 - Inyo Street: Ward Avenue to Alene Avenue
 - Kinnett Avenue: Inyo Street to Downs Avenue
 - Bryann Circle: Mamie Avenue to Cul-d-sac
 - Fendrick Circle: Mamie Avenue to Cul-de-sac
 - Scott Circle: Mamie Avenue to Cul-de-sac
 - Lorene Court: Mary Street to Cul-d—sac
 - Marlene Court: Mary Street to Cul-de-sac
 - Gateway Boulevard: Upjohn Avenue to Church Avenue
 - Sunland Street: Ridgecrest Boulevard to Richard Court
 - Alvord Street: Upjohn Avenue to Mariposa Avenue

- 2 Double Fiber and Slurry Sealed
 - Inyo Street: Hermosa Avenue to Ward Avenue
 - Mamie Street: Randall Street to west of Sherri
 - Benson Avenue: Gemstone to Silverridge Street
 - Hayden Avenue: Gemstone Avenue to Silverridge Street

- 2 Double E-flex (fiber is mixed in with the oil)
 - Inyo Street: Alene Avenue to Inyokern Road
 - Perdew Street from Norma Avenue to Cul-de-sac

Findings

- Measure L funds were allocated entirely to Public Safety and Public Works for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 consistent with the prior Measure L funded years
- Street repair for the 4 lane arterials of Ridgecrest were completed during 2016 as planned.
- Annual spending on streets maintenance is less than \$1.5M over 15 years as recommended to achieve overall improvement of the street network (reference Public Works' Pavement Management System study dated June 1, 2011 by Willdan Engineering)
- Measure L is used to pay close to half of the police officers for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which is consistent with previous reporting periods
- TAB funding for street work has been exhausted.